LEFT ALONE AT EIGHTY.

What did you say, dear-breakfast? Somehow I've slept too late; You are very kind, dear Effie; Go tell them not to wait. I'll dress as quick as ever I can, My old hands tremble sore, And Polly, who used to help, dear heart Lies t'other side of the door.

Put up the old pipe, deary, I couldn't smoke to-day; I'm sort o' dazed and frightened. And don't know what to say. It's lonesome in the house, here, And lonesome out o' door-I never knew what lonesome meant, In all my life before.

The bees go humming, the whole day long, And the first June rose has blown, And I am eighty, dear Lord, to-day-Too old to be left alone! O heart of love! so still and cold, O precious lips so white-

For the first sad hours in sixty years, You were out of reach last night. You've cut the flower? You're very kind. She rooted it last last May;

It was only a slip; I pulled the rose And threw the stem away; But she, sweet thrifty soul, bent down, And planted it where she stood; "Dear, maybe the flowers are living, she said,

"Asleep in this bit of wood."

can't rest, deary-I cannot rest; Let the old man have his will, And wander from porch to garden post-The house is so deathly still; Wander, and long for a sight of the gate She has left ajar for me-

We got so used to each other, dear, So used to each other, you see. Sixty years, and so wise and good, She made me a better man, From the moment I kissed her fair

young face And our lovers' life began. And seven fine boys she has given me, And out of the seven, not one But the noblest father in all the land Would be proud to call his son.

Oh well, dear Lord, I'll be patient, But I feel so broken up; At eighty years it's an awesome thing To drain such a bitter cup. I know, there's Joseph and John, and Hal And four good men beside,

But a hundred sons couldn't be to me Like the woman I made my bride.

My little Polly, so bright and fair! So winsome and good and sweet! She had roses twined in her sunny hair White shoes on her dainty feet; And I held her hand-was it yesterday That we stood up to be wed? And—No, I remember, I'm eighty to-day, And my dear wife Polly, is dead!

### Kousehold.

MILK LEMONADE.

Dissolve in one quart of boiling water one and one-half cups of loaf sugar, add one-half pint of lemon juice, and lastly, one and one-half pints of boiling milk.

LEMON CAKE.

Peel three lemons and squeeze out the juice into one quart of milk. Add the peel, cut in pieces, and cover the mixture for a few hours; then add of water, well sweetened. Strain, and simmer over a gentle fire till it thickens. Serve very cold.

Pare and cut (or pull) a ripe pine apple into small pieces. Put a layer in a dish; sugar well; cover with grated cocoanut; lay in more sugared pineapple, and so on until the materials are used up, covering the top thickly with cocoanut. Pass sponge or other light cake with it.

COFFEE CAKE. One cup of brown sugar, one cup of butter, one-half cup of molasses, one cup of strong, cold coffee, one teaspoonful of soda, two teaspoonfuls of cinnamon, one teaspoonful of cloves, one cup of raisins or currants and five cups of sifted flour. Add the fruit last, rubbed in a little of the flour. Bake about one hour.

DUMPLINGS.

Scrape two ounces of fine becrount flour, finally pour cup of boiling very thin, mix it with four ounces of water to dissolve soda, and add it; flour, a pinch of salt, and water to a final beating and bake at once in a make a stiff paste. Flour your hands | moderate oven. Cream instead of and roll the paste into balls about milk is a great improvement, but the size of a florin; have ready a the latter answers.

stew pan half filled with boiling water slightly salted drop in the dumplings, and let them boil fast for twenty minutes. Take them up with a fish-slice and put them on the dish with the carrots. If preferred, these dumplings may be made of drippings or butter in the proportion of two ounces of the fat to five ounces of flour. A small pinch of sage and pepper can, if liked, be used as flavoring for the dumplings. LEMON WATER-ICE.

The juice of six lemons, two teaspoonfuls of the extract of lemon, one quart of water, one pound of granulated sugar, and one gill of rich, sweet cream. Mix all well together, strain and freeze, the same as ice cream. Orange water ice is made in the same way, using oranges.

MOLDED GRAHAM.

Make a mush by stirring graham flour slowly into boiling water; it must not be too thick; cook ten minutes, using the mush stick as little as possible. Then stir in a few spoonfuls of milk or cream, and also a cupful of fresh dates; cook two minutes longer, taking care not to scorch in the bottom. Pour into a mold or cups wet with cold water, and set it away till cold.

COTTAGE PUDDING.

Either of the following will be found good: 1. Two cups of flour, two teaspoonfuls of baking powder, one cup of sugar, one tablespoonful of butter melted, one cup of milk and the grated rind of a lemon. Bake in a good oven and serve hot, with sauce. 2. One pint of flour, two teaspoonfuls of baking powder, two cups of sugar, one cup of butter, one cup of milk and two eggs. Serve hot, with a hard sauce.

RICE PUDDING.

One-half cupful rice, one and onehalf pints milk, one-half cupful sugar, large pinch of salt, one tablespoonful lemon rind chopped fine. Put rice, washed and picked, sugar, salt and milk in quart pudding dish. Bake in moderate oven two hours, stirring frequently first one and a quarter hours, then permit it to finish cooking, with light-colored crust, disturbing it no more. Eat cold with

TO CRYSTALLIZE FRUIT.

Pick out the finest of any kind of fruit, leave in the stones; beat the whites of three eggs to a stiff froth, lay the fruit in the beaten egg, with the stems upward; drain and beat the part that drips off again; select them out one by one, and dip them into a cup of finely powdered sugar. Cover a pan with a sheet of fine paper, place the fruit on it, and set it in a cool oven. When the icing on the fruit becomes firm, pile them on a dish and set them in a cool place.

A NEW WAY TO COOK RICE.

Put one ounce of butter into an iron kettle; when it is hot put in a small piece of onion; after the onion is lightly browned take it out, its only use is in flavoring. Put four tablespoonfuls of raw rice into the hot butter, and stir it until it is a pale straw color, then add three cups of clear soup stock, chicken or veal stock is best. Cook very slowly till the rice is tender and the soup nearly or quite absorbed. Serve hot with grated cheese. This is a favorite dish at French and Italian restaurants in the large cities.

MOCK TERRAPIN.

Put half a pound of calf's liver in cold salt and water and let it stand six eggs, well beaten, and one pint for half an hour; then put fresh cold water in a saucepan and parboil the liver. When it is cool mince it fine. Put the minced liver in a stewpan with two quarts of cold water, a piece of butter the size of an egg, one tablespoonful of flour, one tablespoonful of dry mustard, salt and pepper to taste, one grated nutmeg and two hard-boiled eggs chopped fine. Let all simmer until thick, stirring constantly. When done add a wineglass of Madeira wine if you like it.

GINGER POUND CAKE.

butter, one pint molasses, one and one-fourth pounds sugar, one dozen eggs, two teaspoonfuls cream tartar, one of soda, one-half cup of ground ginger. Cream butter and froth eggs lightly, to yolks of eggs add sugar, then butter and molasses, al- Surcet and Safest Liniment on the market. ternatively add flour and white of Price 50 cents per bottle. Sold by Drug-eggs; having put cream of tartar in gists and Merchants generally. Send for eggs; having put cream of tartar in

TONGUE TOAST.

A very nice dish is prepared from cold boiled or potted tongue. Slice the tongue, and cut each slice into small, fine pieces; heat it in a pan, with a little butter. To prevent burning, moisten with warm water or clear soup. Add salt and pepper; stir into it two beaten eggs. When set, arrange neatly on toast.

A CREAM CAKE.

Make a rich batter and bake it in three layers. The layers should be frosted with confectioner's sugar and the white of eggs. The frosting for the first layer should be flavored with lemon, for the next layer with vanilla, and the top layer should be flavored with a few drops of rose water and thickly covered with cocoanut.

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